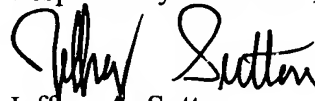


**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is being made upon entry of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/006426 into the U.S. National Phase of prosecution.

In the specification, a new paragraph has been added to the first line of the specification to include the priority information. The claims have been amended to better conform with U.S. practice. An Abstract on a separate sheet is attached as required under 37 CFR 1.72(b). Entry of this amendment into the record is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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